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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2004, reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments to the claims and remarks below.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.